



~~preparation program or master's degree program prior to January 1, 2003 will be allowed to receive licensure based on a degree from such program.~~

(4) "Accredited specialist program" means:

(a) a program for the preparation of specialists accredited by a national professional accrediting body; and/or

(b) a program for the preparation of specialists approved by a state board of public education or a state agency. In circumstances where the accrediting body is a state board of education or a state agency, the Montana board of public education has the discretion to determine whether such accreditation ensures that the standards are substantially equivalent or greater than the standards required in Montana approval by a state board of education or an equivalent.

(5) through (13) remain the same.

(14) "Minimal education licensure requirements" means:

(a) a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;

(b) six semester credits in any coursework under a department of education from an accredited education preparation program either in Montana or elsewhere; and

(c) verification of student teaching or one year of teaching experience in an elementary and/or secondary school or school district either in Montana or elsewhere.

(15) "Regional accrediting agency" means one of the following accrediting associations:

(a) middle states association of schools and colleges;

(b) New England association of schools and colleges;

(c) north central association of schools and colleges;

(d) northwest commission on colleges and universities;

(e) southern association of schools and colleges; and

(f) western association of schools and colleges.

(16) "Regionally accredited institution" means an institution of higher education accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies specified in (15).

(14) through (17) remain the same but are renumbered (17) through (20).

AUTH: Sec. 20-4-102, MCA

IMP: Sec. 20-4-106, MCA

#### 10.57.104 STUDENT TEACHING/SUPERVISED PRACTICE

(1) ~~Persons seeking initial licensure must successfully complete a supervised teaching experience in as part of an accredited school professional educator preparation program and/or complete one year of teaching experience in an elementary and/or secondary school or school district either in Montana or elsewhere. Supervised teaching is student teaching under an appropriate student teaching program and/or supervised practice as a class 5 alternative license holder. The superintendent of public instruction may not waive this requirement.~~

AUTH: Sec. 20-4-102, MCA

IMP: Sec. 20-4-102, MCA

10.57.201 GENERAL PROVISIONS TO ISSUE LICENSES

(1) Teacher, specialist, or administrator licenses are issued by the superintendent of public instruction to applicants who submit acceptable evidence of successful completion of ~~a~~ an accredited professional educator preparation program ~~accredited by NCATE and/or a state board of education.~~

(2) remains the same.

(a) individuals who have a current professional - not provisional or alternative - teacher, specialist, or administrator license from another state in an area that can be licensed in Montana. This section applies only to individuals who have completed an applicable accredited professional educator preparation program in an area that can be licensed in Montana and have satisfied minimal education licensure requirements as defined in ARM 10.57.102; or

(b) individuals who have graduated within the last five years from ~~a~~ an accredited teacher, specialist, or administrator professional educator preparation program in an area that can be licensed in Montana and have satisfied minimal education licensure requirements as defined in ARM 10.57.102 ~~that is either accredited by NCATE or a state board of public education; or~~

(c) individuals who hold a current license from the national board for professional teaching standards in an area that can be licensed in Montana and have satisfied minimal education licensure requirements as defined in ARM 10.57.102;  
or

(d) individuals who currently hold a class 5 alternative license who meet one or more of the above three qualifications and have satisfied minimal education licensure requirements as defined in ARM 10.57.102.

(3) and (4) remain the same.

AUTH: Sec. 20-4-102, MCA

IMP: Sec. 20-4-103, MCA

4. Statement of Reasonable Necessity: The Board of Public Education finds that it is reasonable and necessary to amend these rules in order to enable educators who have completed alternative route teacher education programs in other states to have reciprocity with the educator licensure requirements in Montana. The proposed amendments ensure that educators from other states have completed programs that are substantially equivalent, or greater than the educator licensure requirements in Montana. The amendments also clarify that the Board of Public Education has the authority to evaluate alternative teacher preparation programs from other states to determine if those programs are substantially equivalent to the teacher education program requirements for Montana.

5. Concerned persons may present their data, views or arguments, either orally or in writing, at the hearing. Written data, views or arguments may also be submitted by mail to the Board of Public Education, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, Montana 59620-0601, or by e-mail to smeloy@bpe.montana.edu and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2005.

6. Steve Meloy has been designated to preside over and conduct the hearing.

7. The Board of Public Education maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request which includes the name and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies that the person wishes to receive notices regarding educator licensure or other school related rulemaking actions. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to Steve Meloy, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, Montana 59620-0601, faxed to the office at (406) 444-0847, by e-mail to smeloy@bpe.montana.edu, or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the Board of Public Education.

8. The bill sponsor requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply. The requirements of 20-1-501, MCA, have been fulfilled. Copies of these rules have been sent to all tribal governments in Montana.

/s/ Dr. Kirk Miller  
Dr. Kirk Miller, Chairperson  
Board of Public Education

/s/ Steve Meloy  
Steve Meloy, Rule Reviewer  
Board of Public Education

Certified to the Secretary of State March 21, 2005.